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THE HANUKKAH FESTIVAL

HANUKKAH is one of the two minor festivals the observance of which is not enjoined in the Pentateuch. It was instituted by the Sages for the purpose of strengthening the Jewish historic consciousness.

Hanukkah commemorates the successful struggle for religious liberty carried on by a small band of Israelites, led by the brave Maccabees, against the vast army of their Syrian oppressors under the leadership of Antiochus, which culminated in the recapture of Jerusalem and the rededication of the Holy Temple (165 BCE).

The celebration of Hanukkah begins on the twenty-fifth day of Kislev (December 14, 1960) the day on which the Temple was consecrated anew to the service of God, and lasts for eight days because the ceremony of rededication and festivities continued for that length of time.

Light the first candle Tuesday evening, December 13.

One of the household kindles the lights with the Shamas light—one on the first evening, two on the second, etc., until on the eighth night of Hanukkah eight candles are lit. As the lights are lit, the following blessings are sung:

1. *Boruch Atoh A-do-noy E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ho-o-lom, Asher kid-d'shonu b'mits-vo-sov vi'tsi-vonu L'had-lik ner shel Hanukkah.*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us by Thy commandments and commanded us to kindle the light of Hanukkah.

2. *Boruch Atoh A-do-noy E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ho-o-lom She-o-soh nissim la-avo-se-nu bay-yomim ho-haim baz-z'man haz-zeh.*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who wroughtest

miracles for our fathers in days of old, and at this season.

3. The following is said only on the first evening:

Bo-ruch atoh A-do-noy, E-lo-he-nu

M-lech ho-o-lom She-hech'yo-nu, v'k-y' mo-nu v'big-gi-o-nu la-z'man haz-zeh.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has kept us in life and has preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

THE MACCABEES

IT was on the 25th day of the month Kislev, when the officers of King Antiochus of Syria had offered idol sacrifices upon the altar of God. They rent in pieces the books of the Torah which they found, and burned them with fire. And the King gave orders that the people of Judea should forsake their Law and the covenant, eat unclean things, profane the Sabbath and pollute the sanctuary. And many chose rather to die than to forsake the holy covenant.

And in those days rose up Mattathias, a priest from Jerusalem and he dwelt at Modin. And he had five sons, John, Simon, Judah (who was called Maccabeus), Elezar, Jonathan. And he saw the blasphemies that were committed in Judah and in Jerusalem and Mattathias and his sons rent their clothes, and put on sackclothes, and mourned exceedingly.

And the king's officers came to the city of Modin, and they said to Mattathias: 'Thou art a ruler and an honorable and great man in the city. Go, then, and fulfill the king's command as all the heathens have done, and as also many men of Judea and Jerusalem did. So shalt thou be of the number of the king's friends and thou and thy children shall be honored with silver and gold and many rewards.' But Mattathias answered and spake with a loud voice: 'Though all the nations that are under the king's dominion obey him and fall away every one from the religion of their fathers, yet will I and my sons

and brethren walk in the covenant of our fathers. God forbid that we should forsake the Law to depart from our religion either to the right or to the left.' And Mattathias cried throughout the city with a loud voice saying: 'Whosoever is zealous of the Law and maintaineth the covenant, let him follow me.' So he and his sons fled into the mountains, and they went about pulling down the heathen altars, and they recovered the Law out of the hand of the heathens.

—I Maccabees

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, let our song

Praise Thy saving power;

Thou, amidst the raging foes,

Wast our shel't'ring tower.

Furious, they assailed us,

But Thine arm availed us,

And Thy word

Broke their sword

When our own strength failed us.

Children of the martyr-race,

Whether free or fettered,

Wake the echoes of the songs

Where ye may be scattered.

Yours the message cheering

That the time is nearing

Which will see

All men free,

Tyrants disappearing.

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THE CENTER'S ADULT STUDY CLASSES

THE story is told that Rabbi Akiba studied nothing until he was forty years old. Then he sought out a teacher who would undertake the task of educating him. His first lesson was in the aleph bet, and from the elementary he progressed to the more serious subjects of Mishna and Torah.

We can truly say that Rabbi Akiba is the spiritual mentor of adult Jewish education. It is noteworthy that in *The Ethics of the Fathers* (Pirke Abot) the admonition to study at an advanced age appears early in the first chapter. How fortunate this is for our adults who in studying further learn that our education should begin at an early age so that wisdom and counsel can be our lot at the age when Akiba first started his studies.

From this lesson we feel justified in conducting an active and intensive program for our adults. No man shall be refused an education because he did not begin to study the Mishna at age five. And no woman shall be shunned because her parents followed the old dictum that girls were to be excused from learning.

Here at the Center—for nearly as many years as the Center is old—we have adhered to the desire of Akiba. Men and women have registered in great numbers to study Torah, elementary and advanced Hebrew and Jewish history. Courses are given five days a week, morning and evening, without charge except for a small registration fee.

This year particularly, the lure of outside interests notwithstanding, registration in our adult education

classes is greater than ever. Many registered in these courses for the first time and still more are veterans of our programs.

Adults whose Hebrew education was neglected as children have come forward to emulate Akiba by learning the aleph bet. Those who were fortunate when young to have learned the elements of the Hebrew language, participate in these classes for a refresher.

There are those who have remembered, or who have revived their learning or who in their mature years studied for the first time, and now can carry on a fluent Hebrew conversation.

But for sheer success and continuity, our Mishna class has led in popularity. Already in its fifth year, the registration is at a peak; nearly ninety men and women forego the pleasures

of Morpheus and golf Sunday mornings and come to our hall of learning. The most difficult of Mishnas, Yavomoth, is being diligently studied from the original Hebrew text and translated into English for all to understand. This is no lecture course. The questions come in a constant flood so that progress is made slowly but the talmuddim really learn.

At this time when we rededicate ourselves to the Temple—and things Jewish—we, as the people of the Book, must relearn, restudy or learn anew. As Rabbi Akiba learned from the example of the well, hollowed out of stone by water continually falling upon it, showing that the soft can wear down the hard, conversely, the hard words of study (Torah) can hollow out the heart of flesh and blood. Age is no bar to learning. We can't return to youth for our study. But we can regain our youth by study.

LOUIS KRAMER

THE MENORAH ON THE COVER

The Menorah that decorates the front page of this issue is an antique object of an unusual pattern. The design weaves in the various themes found in the Hanukkah story.

The upraised parted hands represent the blessing invoked upon Israel by the priesthood. The Maccabbeans or the Hasmoneans were a priestly family who took over the leadership of their people in the time of the threats of the Hellenists to the temple and to the Jewish faith. The crown on top of the priestly hands represents the Kingship of ancient Judea that was assumed by the Maccabbean dynasty. The lions of Judah on the sides of the Menorah represent the main tribal line of the Judean people.

There was an under-current of opposition to the Maccabbean priestly family assuming royalty in addition to their priestly leadership. According to prophetic tradition the royal line belongs only to the House of David. It is possible that the artist in placing the lions on either side of the Menorah had reference to this ancient opposition.

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"JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES"

בין ל"ביננו עצמנו"

An Intimate Chat Between Rabbi and Reader

MIRACLES AND THE CENTER

THE reader is surely familiar with the story in the approaching Hanukkah festival of the little cruse of oil, enough to burn for just one day, which miraculously burned for eight days. Immediately after the remarkable victory which the Maccabees achieved over their Graeco-Syrian enemies, they rushed to the holy Temple to kindle once more the perpetual light which the enemy had extinguished. They searched for the special pure oil, with the seal of the priest, which was essential for that purpose. But only this little cruse was found, and it burned for eight days until the Jews were able to find more such oil to keep the light burning.

Ancient preachers have noted that the emphasis in the story is placed on the fact that some pure oil was found. Had there been no oil at all there is doubt whether the miracle could have happened. Miracles happen when there is something upon which the transformation can be achieved. Out of nothing, miracles do not occur. That is the Jewish concept of miracles.

An excellent example of this concept of miracles is the Biblical story of the waters of the Red Sea, which miraculously divided to make a dry path for the Israelites to cross when they were pursued by their former Egyptian masters. The Rabbis tell us that it was only when some of the Israelites plunged into the waters and were almost completely covered by them, that the miracle happened and the dry path appeared.

The same truth is revealed in the miraculous victory which Israel of today has achieved in the war for independence, fighting as they did against the combined Arab nations, with all their great resources of men, armies and material. The odds were certain-

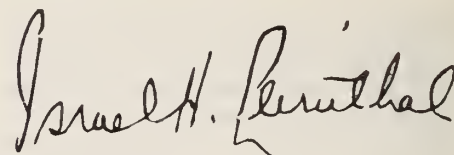
ly against them, and all predictions were that Israel could not succeed. But the miracle occurred and victory was achieved.

The victory occurred because the Jews, though few in number compared in their enemies, were ready to make every sacrifice for the land which they loved.

Miracles do happen when people show a determination to make them happen.

In a minor way, we can see the evidence of this truth in recent events in the life of our own Brooklyn Jewish Center. Just a few years ago, when people began to notice a trend of transformation in our neighborhood, a depressive feeling took hold of many and they felt concern about the future of our great institution. It is true that a number of the wealthier families moved to the suburbs and to the remaining fashionable parts of Manhattan. For a while the change was frightening. But, fortunately for us, those who remained and many new members who entered our ranks, became determined that the Center *must* continue to carry on its great work in behalf of our people's ideals—and a miracle did happen! The Center took on a new lease on life; the activities not only continued, but many increased. What is more, a new group of workers appeared, all of them imbued with great devotion to the institution and with a remarkable enthusiasm to achieve success in all their endeavors. That the Center can, in these days, venture to establish a Foundation Fund of \$300,000, and to raise within a short time more than two-thirds of that sum, is in itself a miracle. But it is a miracle that could happen because our leaders and the rank and file of our membership were determined that it should happen.

And like the light which continued to burn in the holy Temple, so, too, we pray that the light of our faith continue to illumine our Center so that it may brighten the path of Jewish life for our people for many, many more years to come.



EICHMANN TRIAL

A DOLF EICHMANN, charged with crimes against the Jewish people and with crimes against humanity, will go on trial in Jerusalem on March 6, it was officially announced.

Bureau VI of the Ministry of Police, which was set up especially to conduct the formal investigations in connection with the prosecution of Eichmann, handed over to the Attorney General a sheaf of reports on the Eichmann case. The reports were compiled here on the basis of documentary evidence dug up in Washington archives dealing with the Nazi regime, and in European countries. Some of the material in the dossier came from Eichmann himself, obtained from him during his questioning in Israel.

The independent daily *Ha'aretz*, criticized the agreement concluded between the Government Press Office and the Capital Cities Broadcasting Company of New York, which gave the latter exclusive right to record the trial proceedings on film and videotape. The newspaper noted that only the presiding judge had the right to permit filming or photographing in the court room.

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WHAT is Hanukkah?" asked our Sages in the Talmud. They never asked what is

Pesach or Purim, but what is Hanukkah? It was not as if the Feast of Lights was not familiar to them. For hundreds of years it had been celebrated, though admittedly its observance had not finally crystallised in the form we know it today. But the Talmud abounds in allusions to Hanukkah observances, and special privileges were accorded the Hanukkah candelabrum. In spite of the danger of fire it could be placed outside the market stall. The municipal bylaws of ancient Israel were waived in honor of the Hanukkah light. The Talmudic query concerning Hanukkah comes right in the middle of a discussion of Hanukkah observances, comparing and contrasting the lighting of the Menorah with the precept of kindling the Sabbath lights.

Perhaps we may understand their query by quoting a Midrash that begins, "And how many Hanukkahs are there? After all, Hanukkah was not brought into existence with the feast of the Maccabees. Hanukkah is a Hebrew word used from time immemorial to connote a dedication feast, marking either the inauguration of a project or its completion. There are no less than seven Hanukkahs, says our Midrash. First the Hanukkah on the completion of Heaven and Earth at Creation, commemorated of course, by the Sabbath. Then there is the Hanukkah of the Princess at the dedication of the Tabernacle after Moses had finished it and fully set it up (Numbers, 7). The princes brought their offerings inaugurating the service on twelve consecutive days corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel they represented. The description of this dedication service forms the subject of the Scriptural reading ordained for each day of Hanukkah in the synagogue today.

The Third Hanukkah was the dedication of the Temple when King Solomon finished all the work and brought all the holy things of his father David into the House of the Lord. On Hanukkah we still recite the Psalm composed by King David to be

sung at the dedication of the Temple for which he had labored but was not granted to build—Psalm 30: *Mizmor shir hanukkat ha-bayit le-David*, "A song for the dedication of the House, by David."

But that first Temple was destroyed. Israel went into captivity but returned again to its homeland to rebuild the Temple and the wall round Jerusalem. Both these events were the occasion for ceremonies of dedication described in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah: "And the children of Israel, the priests and Levites and the rest of the children of the captivity kept the dedication (*Hanukkah*) of this house of God with joy. (Ezra 6: 13-18)"; "And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all the places to bring them to Jerusalem to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries and with harps . . . And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with great joy; and the women also and the children rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off (Nehemiah 12: 27-42)."

At last we come to *Hanukkat Hacohanim*, the rededication of the Temple by the Maccabean priests described in the Book of Maccabees when Judah and his followers cleansed the Temple after its defilement by the heathen "And they took whole stones according to the Law and constructed a new altar like the former one. They built the sanctuary and the interior of the Temple and halloed the courts and made new holy vessels and brought the candlestick, the altar of incense and table into the Temple. They burned incense on the altar and lit the light in the Temple . . . They brought in bread upon the table and hung up the curtains and finished all the work. On the 25th Kislev they arose early and offered sacrifice . . . At the same time and on

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the same day on which the heathen had profaned it, on that very day it was consecrated with song and harps and lutes and cymbals. All the people fell on their faces and prostrated themselves and uttered praises to heaven who had caused them to prosper. They celebrated the dedication of the altar for eight days . . . Thus was great joy among the people and the reproach caused by the heathen removed. Judah and his brothers and the entire congregation of Israel decreed that the days of the dedication of the altar should be kept with gladness and joy at their due season, year after year, for eight days on the 25th Kislev (Maccabees 4)."

But the question still remains to be resolved. What is Hanukkah? What was the distinctive feature of the Maccabean Hanukkah which merited it being commemorated in such a signal manner down the ages? To this the Talmud replies quoting from the cryptic official gazette of Israel's national fasts and feasts: "On the twenty-fifth of Kislev begins Hanukkah, eight days, on which mourning is forbidden. When the Greeks entered the Temple they defiled all the oil and when the Hasomonean house vanquished them they searched and found only one cruse of oil with the seal of the High Priest that was undefiled. But it contained only one day's supply for the Temple candelabrum. A miracle was performed and oil lasted eight days . . ."

The special prayer we recite in the synagogue during Hanukkah, *Al Hanissim*, does not allude to this miracle but briefly refers to "the miracles, redemptions, mighty deeds and saving acts wrought by the Almighty as well as the wars He waged for our fathers in days of old at this season." It refers to the efforts made by the Hellenists to eradicate Judaism—"But Thou in Thine abundant mercy delivered the strong into the hands of the weak,

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THE BETH ISRAEL Community Center is the beacon for Judaism in Mexico," said Rabbi Maurice Pomerantz, spiritual leader of this Conservative Center, located in the exclusive Lomas Chapultepec district of Mexico City

That the approximately 24,000 Ashkenazim, Sephardim and "Arab" Jews in Mexico's capital will not subscribe to Rabbi Pomerantz's statement does not detract from his sincerity. The members of the 145 families—mostly Americans—that comprise his vigorous and wealthy, congregation enthusiastically echo the Rabbi's belief.

It is the most fluid group in Mexico. Many of the men, sent down by United States corporations, manage branch factories, or are other types of executives. After a few years they may be shifted to other posts in Latin America; or becoming tired of the Mexican environment may pull up stakes and head back for the States.

What is the basis for the Rabbi's fervent conviction?

In his words, "It is the activities of the membership, their whole-hearted participation in the religious services, their study groups, the consciousness that the Center gives a purposeful direction to their contacts with other human beings."

This non-orthodox, and youngest, Jewish community in Mexico, has an interesting history. It started nine years ago as a small social group of Americans. They knew only English and Spanish and had no desire to fraternize with their Yiddish brethren. Incidentally it might be mentioned that the majority of the Orthodox — the older generation — migrated from inhospitable Russia and Poland in the 1920's.

In 1954 the Americans felt the need to form themselves into an organization and rented a room on Puebla Street for social meetings and religious services. One of their number would lead the services. And then with the approach of the High Holidays came an overwhelming desire to have a rabbi officiate. So the Jewish Theological Seminary was solicited. It sent a rabbi.

"A Beacon for Judaism" in Latin America

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By SAMUEL KAPLAN

The Americans were mostly young men. Many intermarried with English-speaking Mexican Jewish girls. With children gracing these unions came the urge to give them religious training. And why not also receive the benefit of a full-time rabbi? In this happy idea other Americans, married and unmarried, joined them.

Rabbi Everett Gendler, from the Jewish Theological Seminary, was the answer to their request. He served for two years. Rabbi Pomerantz, also a graduate from the Seminary, took over July 1959.

"It is understandable," said Rabbi Pomerantz, "that English-speaking Mexican Jewish girls (from Ashkenazic and Sephardic homes), married to Americans, bring other English-speaking Mexican Jewish girls, and young men, into the membership. Why, you ask?

"Because they find the religious services and the activities of the Center more to their liking than the older Mexican synagogues. They like the decorum of the service in Hebrew and English. They like the fact that it is comprehensible to them." Rabbi Pomerantz explained that by comprehensible is meant that his exegesis of the Torah appeals to their reason as well as imagination.

More and more young American couples are being attracted to the Center. Aside from the American Club there are no other organizations to speak of where these young married people can make contacts with other Americans. (The Ashkenazim and Sephardim, and also the "Arab" Jews, are Mexican citizens who, literally and figuratively, do not speak the same language.)

Rabbi Pomerantz emphasized that there is a great cohesiveness among the members of the Beth Israel Center. "The fact that they are Jews seems stronger here than when they were in

the States. There the Jew may not be interested in joining a congregation when so many organizations of all types are available. In many cases couples join congregations largely for social reasons."

What about the Center's services? There is mixed seating. The men wear hats or *yarmulkes*. The Silverman prayer book is used "It is indeed gratifying," Rabbi Pomerantz observed, his eyes kindling, "that the proportion of Hebrew in the service is constantly increasing."

As with all Conservative congregations in the States (the Center is affiliated with the United Synagogue of America), the Beth Israel sends delegates to all conventions, receives materials and assistance from the United Synagogue.

"It is my sacred duty and pleasure," said the Rabbi, "to make our tradition part of the lives of all the members of Beth Israel, to stress the meaningfulness of all aspects of Jewish life and observance. There is the matter for instance, of maintaining a kosher household. Plainly visible to the membership are the Center's strictly kosher kitchens. At all our functions — socials, dinners, suppers, everything is in conformity."

From the kosher standpoint the Rabbi has set himself a formidable task. There is a multiplicity of fine restaurants in Mexico City but they serve *traife*. Good kosher restaurants are scarce. So the Conservative couples who dine out often have a difficult time to find a suitable eating place, a situation that does not further the Rabbi's hopeful goal of a kosher kitchen in their homes.

In the "Jewish Ways and Means" discussions the Rabbi has introduced,

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ACCORDING to an ancient custom, it was forbidden to imitate the Menorah, the 7-branched candlestick of the Temple. However, there was no such ban on fashioning of a lamp of similar shape having a lesser or greater number of branches than the original. This permission encouraged the designers of the lamp for the Hanukkah service to utilize the Menorah motif and modify it for the peculiar needs of the eight-day festival. Instead of three semi-circles, four were fashioned—the central shaft being used for the Shammash (servant) by which all the wicks were kindled.

The most ancient lamp which might have been used on Hanukkah was discovered in Palestine and dates back to the first century of the Common Era. It is molded of clay and is typical of the Graeco-Roman period. It contains eight wicks and a single large opening for oil.

No Hanukkah lamp of a vintage of the period between the first century and the latter part of the middle ages has as yet been discovered. Those now on view in museums date from the time of the Renaissance and are in its spirit. But in the meantime a change had developed in the design of the Menorah mainly because the festival of Hanukkah had become a home and family celebration.

Nowadays in the House of Worship, which according to the Talmud is the Temple in miniature, an eight-branched candelabrum graces the southern wall; sometimes it stands in front of the Ark. Sometimes two are used, one on each side of the Ark. As it was not considered fitting to have an eight-branched Hanukkah lamp and a seven-branched Temple lamp rivaling each other in glory, the one chosen to become the Menorah of the Synagogue was that which in shape and pattern included both—the eight-branched Hanukkah Menorah.

In the synagogue the Hanukkah lamp had to maintain the erect position of the Menorah. Not so in the home. It was natural to fashion it so that it could be suspended from a

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wall or placed on a window-sill. The hanging lamp required a back of sufficient size to support it. This presented a surface on which to mold symbols in high-relief or in bas-relief. The palm tree, the grape clusters, represent the fruit of the sacred soil of Palestine; the Lion of Judah, the dove and the eagle often appear next to the Crown of the Law to represent the union of law with the people. Lions hold between them a replica of the original Menorah of seven branches. On some lamps the Ark of the Covenant is embossed; on others, Moses and Aaron stand on either side of the Ark.

In the hanging lamps there are many variations in the shape of the eight containers for oil. Some are vials, others have the form of lions' heads with wicks projecting from their open mouths. Still others have assumed an oval shell-like shape. These cups are set along a rail in the front of the lamp. Sometimes each is on its own individual bracket. Beneath the eight receptacles, small dishes—differing in shape in different lamps—are attached to collect the dripping oil.

The metals used in the construction of the Hanukkah lamp are pewter, brass, silver, often completely or partly gilded.

The standing lamp also underwent a change. The tripod from which the stem and the branches emanate became a round or angular foundation. Carvings, reliefs, enamels, miniatures, and anaglyphics, figures and ornaments of biblical motifs and symbols made the base interesting. Ornamental figures, embossed in relief were sometimes added to the central shaft giving additional height and striking dignity. A unique figure on some candelabra is that of the famed Judith standing triumphantly on the central shaft, clutching a dagger in one hand and in the other holding the head of

Holofernes. For her act of bravery, tradition has graciously exalted her to the plane of the family of Macabees.

Hanukkah lamps can be traced to the countries of their origin by certain characteristic ornamentation. The Moorish and the arabesque shapes reveal the work of northern Africa, western Asia or some islands in the Mediterranean. The Gothic imprint shows itself in a combination of various styles. Baroque and rococo appealed to the imagination of Jewish artists and silversmiths. Thus at times either in addition to or in lieu of Jewish symbols, there appear cupids, cherubs with horns of plenty, garlands, and baskets heaped with fruit. The influence of different lands and periods sometimes appear in a single lamp. The art of each country has left such definite traces on the Hanukkah lamps that determining their historical and geographical background makes an inexhaustibly fascinating study. Jewish symbols prevail. Even those lamps which have used characteristics of the countries in which Jews made and used them, subordinate the local characteristics to the Jewish characteristics and conceptions.

The Menorah, in its original design, or in modified form, has been used by Jews in every place of their settlement. In Africa—in imposing Alexandria, down the Nile at the Cataracts, in busy Carthage, and the populated coast; in Asia—in Yemen, Babylon, Persia, Palmyra, and on the border of the desert, in the Decapolis and Pentapolis, in the Greek colonies in Syria and Asia Minor; in Europe—in aristocratic Athens, in patrician Rome, in the Islands of the Mediterranean, the Menorah became the symbol of its people. It shone in the syna-

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NEW discoveries of natural gas and of larger proved oil reserves have now produced a far brighter outlook for Israel's fuel supply than had been anticipated even a year ago.

In addition to discovering oil outside of the previous limits of the Heletz field, thus proving its reserves to be much larger than hitherto estimated, another oil field was discovered to the north-east of Heletz. The field, discovered when the Negba III well struck two layers of oil, is believed to be even more important than Heletz.

Further east, early finds of gas at Zohar were extended into a major field; another gas field was discovered at Kidod—and geologists were certain that the area running from Kidod-Zohar south and southwest, for some 45 miles, contained gas and oil traps of considerable commercial value.

These discoveries led to some consolidation in the work of the oil companies operating in Israel.

As a result of these, various American and Israeli groups merged to form Lapidot-Israel Oil Prospectors, which owns Heletz and discovered Negba and whose shares have been trading actively "over the counter" in Israel; the holdings of private investors (the "Miami Group") were put into Israel American Oil Corporation (Listed on the American Stock Exchange) and it is now a diversified investment company holding 20% of Lapidot; and Lapidot, in turn, acquired control of Israel-Negev Petroleum Corporation (trading "over the counter" in New York) which holds the promising gas/oil license areas in the Dayah, Rekhma and Boker areas. These adjoin the gas fields of Neptha Oil Company (traded "over the counter" in Tel-Aviv).

Also operating in Israel is the National Oil Company, by participating in exploration carried out by others as well as by drilling in its own concession areas.

Here the details of these developments:

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"Economic Horizons"

Further drillings of the area of the Rosh Zohar gas field which was discovered early last year by the *Naphta Oil Company*, have brought in powerful new jets of 95 per cent pure methane gas. New strikes at Kidod, 2½ miles north of the Zohar field, indicated the presence of an extensive deposit with an estimated reserve equal in calorific value to one million tons of oil.

Moreover, geologists now seem confident that the Zohar field itself is but the tip of an unusually promising structure extending for some 45 miles in a south-westerly direction in the form of an "L"—starting with Kidod in the north, then running south through Zohar and turning south-west through the *Dayah*, *Rekhman* and *Boker* petroleum concession areas. The latter are held by an American company, *Israel Negev Petroleum Corporation*, a major interest in which has just been acquired by *Lapidot Oil Company* (owners of the Heletz Oil field).

In the *Dayah* area, *Naphta* and *Israel Negev* have each thrown-in land to make up a 50,000-acre joint development area and standing plans for drilling there have now been stepped up. Meanwhile, plans were also stepped up for the formation of a special corporation to lay and operate gas pipelines from the discovery sites. But whereas plans hitherto were limited to a pipeline to supply gas to the Potash Works at Sdom only, the new discoveries now call for the laying of two more pipelines—one to the phosphate mines at Oron and another to Beersheba, for use as fuel at a central Negev electric power-station and possibly even for home use.

The Heletz oil field, whose production in 1959 surpassed 1958 production by 46%, is apparently much more extensive and its reserves much larger than previously estimated.

This conclusion was reached after well #26, drilled some distance north

of well #25, repeated the striking of rich oil deposits in limestone. Experts of the field's owners and developers, the *Lapidot Israel Oil Prospectors Corporation*, pointed out a double significance of the two new strikes: First, that they were both well outside the previously established boundaries of the Heletz field, thus indicating that the field extended farther and wider. Secondly, that the powerful jets of crude oil were flowing out of limestone strata, whereas the search for oil so far concentrated in Israel in sand strata where the first oil finds of Heletz took place. This led to a reappraisal of the search for petroleum in Israel and to the belief that some of the past drillings declared "dry" when no finds were made in sand strata—may yet prove producers if drilling goes after limestone strata.

The *Israel-American Oil Company* and the *National Oil Company* signed an agreement for four test drillings in the Ramleh area, where gas shows were encountered before, and *Lapidot* started last week drilling at *Mavki'im*, south of Ashkelon. At the beginning of the year six companies, with 37 licenses covering an area of 3 million acres, were actively searching for oil and gas.

The most recent discoveries are expected to bring Israel's own contribution to its fuel needs to 25 per cent of the total, compared with 10 per cent based on the previously known output of the Heletz field alone.

The balance of the country's requirements will be supplied via a new 16-inch pipeline linking the southern port of Eilat and Beersheba, and connecting with the existing 16-inch line from the Negev capital to the Haifa refineries.

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Completed in June, the new pipeline replaces the 8-inch line laid shortly after the Sinai campaign. It was taken over by a group of foreign investors who put more than \$20 million into the project in return for a 49-year concession. Headed by Baron de Rothschild of France, the group also includes American interests represented by the Palestine Economic Corporation and the Israel Investors Corporation.

Annual capacity of the line will at first be 1,700,000 tons, which can be gradually expanded to about 7,600,000 tons through construction of new pumping stations and other improvements. This peak capacity is well above Israel's present requirements, and it is expected that shortly Israel will again export refined petroleum products for the first time since 1948. To anticipate this, work will be started this fall on a large-diameter underwater pipeline from the oil port in Haifa Bay to an anchorage about two miles out at sea, making it possible to serve far larger tankers than can enter the port at present.

The Beersheba-Haifa portion of the pipeline, it should be noted, picks up the oil from the Heletz field on the way.

The Haifa oil refineries, with a capacity of refining 4,000,000 tons of crude oil annually, have been operating at about one-fourth of this capacity. Now, however, preparations were under way of utilizing more refining units, with a view to *resuming exports* of refined petroleum products from Israel. Exports of asphalt (mainly to Turkey) have already taken place.

Besides gradually discovering oil and gas for its own needs, Israel thus made big strides towards becoming a factor in the Middle East's transportation and refining of petroleum.

UNITED STATES URGES A SOLUTION OF THE ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM

THE United States Government has pressed the Arab states and Israel to make "reasonable proposals" to solve the Arab refugee problem in the Middle East and to "take greater initiative in the attainment of a solution" of the refugee problem.

That stand was taken by Francis O. Wilcox, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations affairs, in an address to the General Assembly's Special Political Committee as it went through the annual debate on the Arab refugee problem. This debate, based on the annual report of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the refugees, has become a yearly forum for standard Arab charges of "Zionist aggression."

The present "impasse" in regard to the Arab refugee problem, Mr. Wilcox maintained, is "not fair to the people of the Middle East, who could profit so much from an era of tranquility and progress," is unfair to the United Nations, unfair to the contributing states that have given so much money to aid the refugees, and unfair to the refugees themselves.

Mr. Wilcox pointed out that the United States has spent \$232,000,000 to aid the Arab refugees—more than 70 percent of the total expended on their behalf. He chided "certain states"—obviously meaning the Soviet Union—for having contributed nothing to help the refugees.

The Arab states and Israel, whom he called "the governments concerned directly," have not utilized the services of the Palestine Conciliation Commission to effect a settlement of the refugee problem, Mr. Wilcox said. As a member of that commission (with Turkey and France) the United States, said Mr. Wilson "would welcome and carefully consider any reasonable proposals by any of the parties concerned for possible courses of action."

In his address, Mr. Wilcox referred to the fact that there are "irregularities" in distributing relief to Arab refugees, and said "progress" had been made to eliminate these prac-

tices. The fact that there are many Arabs on the relief rolls, obtaining relief without being entitled to it, was the subject of a report made to Washington last year by two American Senators who investigated the situation.

Preceding Mr. Wilcox, Hassan Salah el-Din Gohar, of the United Arab Republic, addressed the committee. He repeated the old accusations of "Zionist imperialism" in the Palestine area, and blamed Israel for the misery of the refugees.

Two Arab spokesmen warned that if the Arab refugees were not taken back to the "Palestine areas now governed" by Israel, they would fight their way back. The spokesmen were Ahmed Shukairy, chairman of the Saudi Arabian delegation, and Emile Ghory, a representative of the former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem. Ghory made his threat in the name of a so-called "Palestinian Arab delegation."

Shukairy told the committee that it should revive and enlarge the moribund Palestine Conciliation Commission. This commission, which he said should "repatriate" the refugees, should be expanded to include nine members. Of the six members to be added, he stated, three should represent members of the Soviet bloc, and three the "uncommitted nations" in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The reorganization and expansion of this body, Shukairy held, "can start the beginning of the solution of the refugee problem within the framework of the UN." But, he added, "if we fail to act within the framework of the UN, a solution to the problem would be sought outside the UN." He then proceeded to spell out that "solution" as "a matter of peace or war."

"If we in the United Nations don't answer these questions," he thundered, "the refugees are bound to answer them themselves. If we do not protect their right, they are bound to protect themselves.

From the Jewish Telegraphic Agency

IN THE early 1800's there lived in New York City a young Polish Jew who sometimes claimed to be the son of the Polish Prince Radziwill and a Jewish mother of the Warsaw Jewish ghetto and at other times professed to be simply a Polish nobleman. His very name proclaimed him a Jew, and it is generally acknowledged that he was a Jew. His career was in the fullest sense of the word an adventure story, with chapters in Poland, in New York City, in Latin America, in Cairo, in Egypt, in Persia and in Afghanistan. From a ghetto youngster he rose to the rank of a Persian general.

There is no doubt that Isidor Borowski was one of the most glamorous Jewish soldier-adventurers in modern times. His chief claim to fame is that he was a gallant fighting comrade of Simon Bolivar y Ponte, renowned as the Liberator of Latin America.

Borowski's life is still largely shrouded in a sort of a haze, but the high-lights of the story may be found in a volume by Joseph Wolff which appeared in New York over 100 years ago under the title, "Narrative of a Mission to Bokhara." That was only some eight years after Borowski's death, and the author had first-hand knowledge of Borowski.

Borowski was apparently regarded by Jewish historians as an interesting, if not prominent, personality since even as late as 1898, almost 100 years after his birth, an important Polish encyclopedia still thought it proper to record his biography. Pieter Wiernick, author of the earliest American Jewish history, wrote about him in the Jewish Encyclopedia just half a century ago in some detail.

It is true that the records of all the Spanish American Wars for Independence are heavily sprinkled with the names of fighters descended from old Marrano families. General Jacob Baiz fought in the Central American battles for freedom and Captain Luis H. Brie in South America. However, Isidor Borowski was the only Jewish soldier to serve on Bolivar's personal staff. He was then a very young man.

The Story of the Polish Jew Who Aided Simon Bolivar

A GLAMOROUS ADVENTURER – ISIDOR BOROWSKI

By LEON SPITZ

Borowski was born in the city of Warsaw in 1803 and was reared in the United States. What brought him to America we do not know. The fact that he later on joined the Spanish American liberating army suggests the possibility that he may have followed in the footsteps of the heroic Polish General Pilsudski, who came here with Marquis de Lafayette to fight with Washington at Valley Forge, or it may have been the example of that other patriotic Polish Jew, Hyam Salomon, who preceded him to America by almost half a century. In any event Poland, under the yoke of the Tsar of All the Russias, was by no means an inviting land for one who was both a Pole and a Jew.

He may have encountered Simon Bolivar while the latter visited New York and spent time studying the workings of our American Constitution there. At any rate, while still a young man, Isidor was lured by Bolivar's call for American volunteers for his army, sailed for Bogota, the capitol of Colombia, enrolled in the President's personal staff and fought in numerous bloody battles in the South American jungles under his command.

In time, Bolivar's revolution triumphed, but he soon sickened and died. The young soldier ventured forth seeking adventure—and without doubt glory and wealth—in the exotic Orient. He came to Cairo.

Egypt was then a Turkish dominion ruled by the Pasha Mehemet Ali as Viceroy, but actually the Viceroy was an independent sovereign and completely ignored the overlordship of the Porte at Istanbul. Ali was celebrated as a reformer and Westernizer. Borowski, at the time, seemed unable to secure a worth-while post at the Palace, and supported himself for two years by giving lessons to the offspring of Egyptian Beys and Pashas in mathematics and English. He de-

cided to leave Egypt and to go to Persia. In 1831 he arrived at Bushire, the city of gardens.

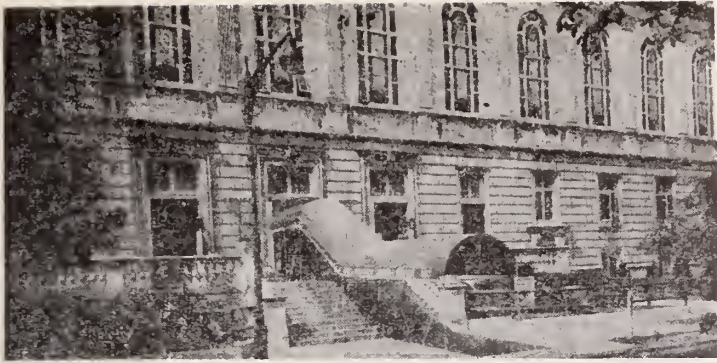
In Persia Borowski finally launched his brilliant career with the assistance of Sir John Campbell, the British Minister to that country, who commended him as capable and energetic to Prince Abbas Mirza, the ambitious son of Shah Fath Ali. Borowski soon displayed great military abilities in the service of that war-like Prince. England exerted political influence over Persian affairs but maintained a continual rivalry with the Russian Tsar's interest in the land. Borowski was generally accepted as an Englishman because the Persians could hardly make a distinction between English and Americans. Borowski even wore the uniform of a British General.

Bearing aloft the banner of the Persian lion at the head of a Persian army, he engaged in many military expeditions for his prince. First he captured the stronghold of Cochran in Khorassan, then he took the castle of Sarakhs and made prisoner the rebellious Sultan of the Turkomans.

And now political fortune smiled on him, too. After the death of his patron, Prince Abbas Mirza, he helped the latter's youthful son, Mohamed Mirza, engineer a military coup and ascend his grandfather's throne, Borowski then became a powerful personage at the Court.

For a reason which has never been adequately explained, General Borowski suddenly left his English friends and benefactors and espoused the Pro-Russian interests in Persia. Shortly thereafter he led a military expedition into Afghanistan and was killed at

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NEWS OF THE CENTER

Rabbi Levinthal's Sermon on Israel

This Friday, December 9, weather permitting, Rabbi Levinthal will deliver his sermon on the subject "Only in Israel" in which he will portray some of the unique features which one can see only in the land of Israel. This address was scheduled for the opening service, Friday, November 11, but due to Rabbi Levinthal's indisposition, the date of the sermon was postponed.

Late Friday Night Services Dec. 16

Next Friday, December 16, Rabbi Kreitman will discuss the subject "Do the Jews Have a Mission?" Recently there has been a revival movement to bring Jewish teachings to the non-Jewish world and even to bring non-Jews to the belief of Judaism. Rabbi Kreitman will bring out the meaning of this revival in its historical context.

Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club has had a very successful season and the members have enjoyed many varied programs, which included holiday festivities and parties celebrating members birthdays and anniversaries. The following programs have been scheduled for the remainder of the year.

December 7: Guest Speaker, Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman.

December 14: Israeli Movie.

December 21: Annual Hanukkah Party. Entertainment by our own Cantor William Sauler.

December 28: Birthday Celebration.

Senior members of the community are invited to join the group and participate in their programs.

YOUTH CONGREGATIONS

TRADITIONALLY, with the new year, the two Youth Congregations, Junior and Children, meet regularly every Sabbath and Holiday morning. This year they have attracted over 300 children and young people to their services. The Center takes pride in sponsoring such activities as part of its educational program. Opportunities for active and creative participation in Synagogue service are afforded to the congregants; and thus, a training for future association with a Jewish Center is provided.

Mr. Leo Shpall, supervisor of the Junior Congregation, has announced that at a recent election of officers the following members were chosen: President, Arthur Penn; Vice Presidents, Jay Gutchman, Allen Rosenthal, Jay Safier; Phyllis Berman, Bianca Sauler; Gabbaim, Alan Horowitz, Emanuel Thorn.

Special Sabbath services are being planned to honor Young Adults, Fathers and Sons, and Mothers and Daughters. These functions are innovations in the long history of Junior Congregation. We believe they merit the interest and support of the community.

The Children's Congregation, supervised and guided by Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, conducts an inspirational service for over 100 children every Sabbath morning. On October 29, 1960, the new students attending our Hebrew School in the first grade met with the Congregation and were officially inducted into the School and Synagogue.

To the many sponsors of *kiddushim* for the enjoyment of the youth congregations we say *Todah Rabbah*.

HARRY GOLDSTEIN, *Chairman*
Youth Congregations Committee

SABBATH WORSHIP

Friday, December 9

Kindling of Candles—4:09 P.M.

Services—4:15 P.M.

Late Friday Night Services
8:30 P.M.

RABBI LEVINTHAL

will speak on

"ONLY IN ISRAEL"

CANTOR SAULER

WILL CHANT THE SERVICES

The *Oneg Shabbat* will follow
the services

Sabbath Morning Services

December 10, 8:30 A.M.

Sidrah: "Vayesheb"

Genesis: 37:1-40:23

Prophets: Amos 2:6.16-3.18

RABBI KREITMAN

will preach

The Bar Mitzvahs of Steven David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hy Silverman; and Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Feinstein, will be celebrated.

Class in Talmud led by

Rabbi Jacob D. Gordon

one hour before Minha

Minha Services—4:15 P.M.

DAILY SERVICES

Mornings

7:00 and 8:00 o'clock

Sunday Mornings

8:30 A.M. (one Minyan)

Mishnah Class conducted by Rabbi Kreitman—10:00 A.M. The Breakfast on December 11 will be sponsored by the Wolfe Family.

MINHA SERVICES

Week of Dec. 11—4:15 P.M.

Followed by Maariv Services

OUR CLUBS PROGRESS REPORT

CRITICAL self appraisal is always in order. We must not, as parents or as members of the Center, sit back and expect others to take up where we left off. There is still very much that must be done before we can rest on our laurels at the end of the season.

It was only because the parents showed interest, and were willing to work, that we have achieved so high a registration. We can also be proud that we have nine clubs now functioning that we may be able to organize one or two more, and that we may yet achieve six U.S.Y. charters this year.

It was because parents and Youth Activity Committee members took an interest in the type and quality of our teenage program that we had the splendid *Simchat Torah* program, and the now famous Election Eve dance.

Our youth are now embarked on a full U.S.Y. type program—religious, social, cultural, athletic, community service and charity. They do all these things in their spare time, and not at the expense of their school program or studies.

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We excluded our quota of delegates to the *Kinus Katan* on November 13. As future U.S.Y. leaders, these delegates participated in the religious program at Bnai Jeshurun and then spent a rewarding afternoon at the Jewish Museum. They studied the Arts—music, dance, literature, sculpture and painting—and then put their exuberance to good use—Israeli folk dancing. Three hundred strong, they enjoyed themselves fully, dancing in a closed-off street.

The next U.S.Y. activity, is the National Convention in Chicago. 1500 delegates from the United States and Canada will gather at the Hotel Morrison. Our delegates, together with those from nearby regions, will board a chartered train on Wednesday, December 28. The tenth anniversary, Torah Convention, will convene Thursday morning, December 29, for study, plenary sessions, a gala New Years Eve celebration, and following

a closing Sunday morning session leave for home.

As a synagogue we emphasize that religious study and activity are integral phases of our club program and meant to supplement the Saturday morning and holiday Youth Congregation services. This is accomplished in various interesting ways (discussions, socio-dramas, forums and charades). Our Oneg Shabbat groups with the other Center clubs, participated in the Thanksgiving Youth service on November 26. The Friday nite Kum Sitz is a recognized, accepted way of celebrating the Sabbath. Our teenagers have these programs. Other groups are planning like programs as well as father-son and mother-daughter spiritual get-togethers. These will be culminated by our Center-wide Week-end Kinus. This program is tentatively scheduled for February. The theme will be "The Role of the American Jew in the growth of our Republic."

A combined Hanukkah program and National Convention celebration is scheduled for December 27. As presently planned this should prove a very enjoyable and educational program. The Purim Carnival, a tradition for our youth, will take place early in March, to be followed by the Passover Model Sedorim and the Lag B'Omer outing.

Nor have we neglected our youth's social requirements. Center-wide dances, club parties, socials, outings and hikes, games and all types of programs in and away from the Center are now on tap for youth club members and their families.

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The Center's expanded gym and swim program is now a fact. Not only have we been able to schedule inter-club basketball and other athletic activities, but our Center house teams are now playing in the Brooklyn Boro U.S.Y. League. These are to be supplemented, where possible, by a basketball game and dance between Center groups. Our sports activities also

include bowling, games, and outings away from the Center.

Our community service and fund-raising program started with the Election Eve dance and continued with the sale of Hanukkah candies.

How well are you acquainted with our teenage program? Have you enrolled your children with us? Are you helping us implement our activities? Are you contributing your time, your knowledge, your assistance in making ours a better activity for your children and their friends? Are you assuring that our Center's reputation will always continue to be very high, a credit to you and your family?

SOL ROSS, *Supervisor*

CENTER GYM NEWS

The BJC Boys Teams have been organized. The youngsters of the Brooklyn Jewish Center are taking advantage of the opportunities offered in swimming and basketball to develop their talents in these sports. Uniforms have been given to all, practice sessions have been arranged and schedules are being drawn up so that our boys can participate in these competitive activities.

Rosters of the teams are as follows:

Sr. Basketball

Howard Goldstein, Mark Naison, Jay Kolotkin, Mark Shpall, Myron Druxserman, Emanuel Thorn, Peter Alexander, Joe Blond, Jackie Shuman, Rubie Moskowitz.

Jr. Basketball

Brian Berke, Jerry Wolfe, Sol Tiegerman, Mark Blumenkranz, Steve Silverman, Barry Krieger, Philip Beckerman.

Swimming Team

Ernie Horowitz, Jerry Hackman, Ed Cook, Steve Silverman, Harry Horowitz, George Szekely, Louis Gelbert, Steve Rosen, Harris Reiser.

Father and Son Gym Sundays

The first and third Sundays of each month are set aside as Father and Son gymnasium day. Fathers and sons ten years and over are invited to come and enjoy this delightful activity together.

PAGING SISTERHOOD!

MRS. JOYCE KREITMAN, Editor

"Though all the nations that are under the king's dominion obey him, and fall away every one from the religion of his fathers, we will not hearken to the king's words, to go from our religion either to the right hand or to the left." Thus spoke Mattathais. To conform would have been easier than to resist. But the Maccabees resisted, and their example of courage and loyalty to our faith served our people as a source of inspiration for all succeeding generations. And Hanukkah will continue to serve, as it has done for over two thousand years, to keep alive the eternal hope that God will not forsake His people, that right must triumph over night.

For centuries our beautiful Hanukkah Menorah burned constantly. "In its light a nation walked. By its inspiration a people lived."

Happy Hanukkah to all.

SARAH H. KUSHNER, *President*

On October 10 we held our installation of officers and board members. The meeting was opened by Cantor Sauler singing the anthems accompanied by Mrs. Milton Schiff. The invocation was delivered by Rabbi Kreitman. Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. M. Robert Epstein, in her welcoming remarks, spoke of the greatness of the Daughters of Israel and extolled Mrs. Julius Kushner as being an illustrious representative. Mrs. Kushner reviewed Sisterhood's activities of last year, and thanked those who participated in the programs. She also enumerated Sisterhood's contributions to various charities.

Rabbi Levinthal used as the text of his message a statement found in the "Song of Songs," "You are beautiful," repeated three times. According to Rabbinic sages this is taken to mean as being beautiful in appearance, as being a good homemaker, and as being a helper in the community. During Sisterhood's forty years, its members have been outstanding in all three areas. Mrs. Kushner was cited as an

example of this threefold interpretation of "You are beautiful." Mr. Jack Goldstein, music teacher of our Hebrew School entertained us with spirited songs.

Mr. Frank Schaeffer, a Vice President of the Center, served as installing officer for the Executive Board and the officers of the Sisterhood.

Mrs. Julius Kushner, graciously accepted her re-election as President and urged all to keep up the good work during the coming year.

Our thanks to Mrs. Charles Marks and her aides for serving the refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Annual Sisterhood Luncheon

Sisterhood's 24th annual luncheon was held on October 26. The room was festively decorated by florist Hyman Spitz and the delicious roast chicken dinner was prepared, literally from soup to nuts, by our own Kotimsky and Tuchman. At each place setting were found favors—a ball point pen with Sisterhood of BJC engraved on it, a floral rain bonnet and a mending kit. The program and menu were printed on El |Al stationery. Our thanks to Cantor Sauler for the anthems and for the *Birkat Ha Mauzone*. Mrs. Frank Schaeffer delivered the invocation.

In anticipation of the fashion show, Rabbi Kreitman re-told ancient Biblical and Rabbinic accounts dealing with the beautifying of women. This is the warrant of tradition for a fashion show in the synagogue. There is even deeper significance in the presentation of such a show in the precincts of the Synagogue. Fashions signify change while the Synagogue as such represents the unchanging and the permanent in life. The interaction of both of these forces is what gives relevance and urgency to the message of Judaism. The fashion show was presented by courtesy of Minna Katz and was obtained for us by Mrs. Frank Wolk. We were fortunate to have Minna herself as the commentator. The exquisite dresses were coordi-

nated with bags by Anne Schenker, and with hats by Florence Koenigsberg. Musical atmosphere was provided by Gunther Sprecher. Our own charming and professional-looking Sisterhood women modeled. Our thanks to Roz Bady, Barbara Bady, Doris Mattikow, Laura Rubin, Marcia Ostrow, Ethel Dan, Sylvia Horowitz, Jean Wolk. The wonder afternoon was climaxed by the awarding of door prizes to many women. The profit on this luncheon came to approximately \$500.

Israel will celebrate its Bar Mitzvah this year—its 13th anniversary. Symbolically it is a time of the attainment of maturity—a time of rejoicing and dedication. You can herald this milestone and participate in this celebration by purchasing an Israel bond. It was through past investments that Israel was able to develop economically and progress as a forward-looking democracy. Remember this is not a gift but an investment, paying substantial interest rates. Purchase a bond for Hanukkah for the man or woman who has everything. Each bond purchase entitles you to attend the Hanukkah Festival at Madison Square Garden on Monday, December 19 or Monday, January 2 at 8 P.M. Marlene Dietrich, Edward G. Robinson, Jan Peerce, Rise Stevens, Mike Wallace, David Bar Ilan and a host of other celebrities will be on the program. Aid Israel and enjoy a wonderful evening of star-studded performances. Contact Mrs. Bernard Weissberg (ST 3-0639).

FLASH! Watch for our "White Elephant Sale" in mid-January. Merchandise will be greatly appreciated. Mrs. Louis Kramer, chairman; Mrs. Julius Dan, co-chairman.

Book Month

We are in the midst of Jewish Book Month. A book is always a perfect gift for any occasion. Some of the latest books recommended for gift-giving are: "The Magician of Lublin," a fascinating novel by Isaac Bashevis Singer, "Across the Threshold," an excellent book for brides describing Jewish customs and holidays and ceremonies by Shonie Levi, "The Faithful City," the siege of

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THE HEBREW SCHOOL

THE children who have begun the study of Hebrew this year in our Hebrew School were honored guests, together with their parents, at special induction ceremonies at the Children's Congregation on Saturday morning, October 29. Mrs. Evelyn Zusman of our Hebrew School faculty was in charge of these services. Mr. Julius Kushner, chairman of the School Board, inducted our future scholars and made a very strong impression on the young, keen minds. Mrs. Sylvia Moskowitz, president of our PTA, greeted the children and their parents at a Kiddush given by the PTA following the services.

We have recently received the following from the Hebrew High School of Greater New York:

"Dear Mr. Krumbein: Needless to say I am pleased with the fine enrollment from the Brooklyn Jewish Center in our Aleph Class. I am even more pleased with the excellent

scholastic achievement of that group. Please convey this to your faculty and Board.—Matthew Mosenkis."

Reports such as these makes us all feel very proud of our school, faculty and students. We are firmly dedicated to the ideal of continuation of Hebrew Education in the Hebrew High School.

Future events of our Hebrew School are:

1. Our annual Hanukah entertainment, Sunday morning, December 18 in the auditorium. A beautiful program has been arranged by our music instructor, Mr. Jack Goldstein.

We are pleased to announce that we have made arrangements with Radio Station WMCA and WOR to announce school closing of our Hebrew School in case of very bad weather. Please listen to the regular programs that announce public services on days of inclement weather.

MEN'S CLUB

THE Men's Club began its season with a most impressive program on the night of October 17, Leonard Spigelgass, the noted playwright, drew a standing room only crowd as guest speaker of the evening.

For our next session held on Tuesday, November 29, we had an expert from the Social Security Department who addressed us on this very important subject. The evening included a film showing the activities of Social Security. A question and answer period followed. Many facets of Social Security are applicable to our members and this was a fine opportunity to elicit answers from an outstanding authority.

Although the time seems distant, we ask you to make a mental note of our scheduled weekend at Atlantic City, May 5, 6, 1961. The Hotel Chelsea, a modernized beautiful hostelry, will be our host. You may invite your friends if you so desire. Soon you will receive literature and brochures from the hotel. Please give this your early attention.

For our program in December we are planning a debate concerning capital punishment. The subject involves an individual whose crimes shocked the world. In a later announcement you will hear more about this.

We cordially invite all male members of the Center to join our group. You will benefit greatly from association with other men of the Center. Regular announcements of our meetings will be found in the *Bulletin*.

THEODORE D. OSTROW, *President*

Young Folks League

The Young Folks League will continue meeting at the Center every other Tuesday evening until further notice. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, December 20 at 8:30 P.M.

Congratulations

Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. Morris Kramer of 345 Clinton Avenue, on the celebration of his 70th birthday on November 27.

IMPORTANT!

LET'S CONTINUE OUR CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERSHIP

Exert yourself just a little—bring your friends and neighbors into our building; introduce them to all of our membership activities.

Talk membership — think membership—carry around application blanks and our brochure — there are many advantages to Center membership.

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LET'S HAVE A RECORD ENROLLMENT TO BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH!

REMEMBER

Membership is the Lifeblood of
Every Institution
Membership Rates

\$75 per year for married members
\$50 per year for single men
\$30 per year for girls

JUDGE MURRAY T. FEIDEN,
Chairman, Emergency Campaign

JAMES J. JACKMAN,
Membership Chairman

The New Junior Associate Center

Membership Open to
UNMARRIED YOUNG LADIES
AGES 20-28

AND YOUNG MEN
AGES 21-30

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$20 for girls—\$30 for men

Next Meeting Tues. Eve., Dec. 13

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BROOKLYN JEWISH CENTER

BY ITS PRESIDENT DR. MOSES SPATT

ON OCTOBER 27, 1960

This is the eighth time that I am privileged to report on the progress and activities of our beloved Center. Our 41st year is another milestone in our history, and our Officers, Trustees and Governing Board are giving much thought to our past accomplishments, and a re-evaluation and review of our future role in the community.

CENTER FINANCES

EACH year, I believe, it is important to remind our membership of the four main sources of income for the Center. First, the dues, which we receive annually from the membership; second, the income from our Kol Nidre Appeal; third, the income from our Journal-Dinner-Dance; and fourth, the income from our catering department.

The income from dues and from our catering department are the main sources of revenue for the operating expenses of the Center. What we receive from the Kol Nidre Appeal and from our Journal-Dinner-Dance are voluntary contributions from our members and friends, for which we conduct our two major annual fundraising campaigns.

I think it is important for our members to know that at the end of the last fiscal year—that is, the year which ended June 30th, 1960, our Center audit showed an end-of-the-year-operating-deficit of \$19,000.00. This deficit would have been considerably larger had we not derived the income of approximately \$55,000.00 from our Kol Nidre Appeal and from the Annual Journal-Dinner-Dance. I am happy to report to you that our Kol Nidre Appeal this year produced the sum of about \$32,000.00, and I wish to express our thanks and deep appreciation to Mr. Emanuel Cohen, our Chairman, our co-Chairmen, Mr.

Abraham Lindenbaum, Mr. Abraham Meltzer, Mr. Abraham W. Slepian, and Mr. Aaron Gottlieb, and our Vice-President, Mr. Frank Schaeffer. I also wish to extend my thanks to Judge Maurice Bernhardt, who conducted the appeal in our Synagogue, and to all those men who assisted that night. As previously done, we shall list all contributors in the December issue of our *Review*.

JOURNAL-DINNER-DANCE

I HAVE previously indicated how vital the income from our Journal-Dinner-Dance is to our institution. We continue to rely upon the loyal members of the Center to give their most wholehearted support to the Chairman of the Journal-Dinner-Dance Committee, Mr. Julius Kushner, and his Co-Chairman and Vice-Chairmen for the forthcoming event, which will be held on Sunday evening, December 11th, 1960. Our goal this year is to raise \$40,000.00.

This year, we will honor the past Presidents of our Sisterhood. They have rendered loyal and dedicated service to our institution since its inception. We trust that all of the members of the Center will give unstintingly of themselves in support of this event to honor these ladies.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP drives have become a byword with us now that our membership drive is of twelve months' duration. There is hardly a time during the year when our membership committee and our members generally are not actively seeking new prospects to add to our roster. We now know that we dare not relax our constant quest for new members. However, this year we have entered into an Emergency Membership Drive, with Judge Murray T. Feiden acting as Co-Chairman with Mr.

James J. Jackman, the Chairman. We have set a goal of 250 to 300 new members during the coming year, and we feel that this is a possible and probable accomplishment. We look to the very many families in the neighborhood who are not affiliated with any religious institution. We also look forward with great interest to the potential membership that we may derive from the buildings to be constructed at the site of former Eb-bets Field. I know that the Committee will do its utmost to take advantage of these possibilities.

ENDOWMENT FUND

DESPITE all efforts for a balanced budget, we find that the Center is in need of additional income. The Board of Trustees, therefore, resolved to establish an Endowment Fund of at least \$300,000.00, which would be invested, and the income, but not the principle, used for the maintenance of the various activities of the Center, thus really effectuating a balanced budget. The success of this venture is a "must" for the welfare of our institution. I am happy to report that we have, as of this date, received pledges amounting to about \$205,000. I urgently and respectfully ask that each of us do all in our power to successfully conclude this program. Many of us will be approached by the members of the Committee, and I do hope that you will earnestly listen to their plea.

I am deeply grateful to Mr. Edward Isaacs, Chairman, Judge Emanuel Greenberg and Judge Maurice Bernhardt, Co-Chairmen, and the members of the committee for their services in this most important undertaking.

Of course, I am cognizant of the fact that all of us owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Levinthal, who at a recent dinner, so beautifully portrayed the

place which the Center holds in the hearts of all of us.

CENTER ACTIVITIES

IT IS most interesting that although our neighborhood has changed, and many of our members have moved away, the activities of the Center are greater than they have ever been. A reading of our *Bulletin* and *Review* will make you aware of the nature of the activities which take place almost every night of the week.

Naturally, our religious services are first and foremost in our interest. Our services are most inspiring and our Sabbath services particularly attract large number of worshippers. Our standards for the conduct of our services are high, and will be maintained in this same fashion. The sermons delivered by our distinguished Rabbis, Dr. Levinthal and Dr. Kreitman, are noted for their scholarship and lucidity. At this time, I extend to our Cantor William Sauler and to the Choir our deep appreciation for their devoted service and for the beautiful manner in which they conducted the services. We are also deeply grateful for the fine services which have been rendered to us during the past year by Rev. Adolf Kaufmann.

Since reporting to you last year about Mr. Meyer Rogoff, he has retired from active work at our Center. For the full year he was ill, he received his full salary. As of the 1st of September, and we hope for many years to come, Mr. Rogoff, now in much better health, will receive an annual pension of \$2,400 from the Center.

I also wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to Mr. Abraham W. Slepian, Chairman of the Ritual Committee, who has rendered devoted services in this all important area. Mr. Slepian was responsible for the recommendation to the Board of Trustees for the creation of a Synagogue Maintenance Fund to be expended under the auspices of the Ritual and Religious Services Committee. I wish to thank Mr. Slepian and the members of the Committee for their outstanding services. I am deeply grateful to Mr. Max Goldberg,

Chairman of all religious activities of the Center for the services which he has rendered in this connection.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

THE educational activities for adults and young people at the Center are divided into the following categories: The Hebrew School, The Institution for Jewish Studies for Adults, the Forum Lecture Series, the Library, Center Publications, Junior and Children's Congregations and our Youth Clubs.

Our Hebrew School classes are conducted on a 3, 2 and 1 day a week basis. This year, reversing the trend of the past few years, our first year enrollment has increased. We attribute this to the excellent reputation which our Hebrew School and its teachers have earned. Our teachers are experienced for work with the new and the advanced student. This year, Rabbi Lewittes is on leave, and the responsibilities for acting principal have been assumed by one of our most capable teachers, Mr. Aaron Krumbein. Our Chairman of the Hebrew School Department is Mr. Julius Kushner. Mr. Kushner continues to give his most valuable services to the Center in many ways, and for his constant and untiring work and devotion, I express the thanks of all the members.

The most important adjunct of our Hebrew School is the Parent-Teachers Association. This year, the president of the P.T.A. is Mrs. Benjamin Moskowitz. Mrs. Moskowitz is one of the most active ladies in Sisterhood, and in many other aspects of Center activity. We look to the P.T.A. as a good source of membership. We hope that under guidance of Mrs. Moskowitz our registration will continue to grow. We are grateful to her for her devoted services in setting up a bus service for children attending the Hebrew School from distant points.

INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES FOR ADULTS

OUR Institute for Jewish Studies for Adults has entered upon its 28th year, and its program of studies is open to members and non-members.

Its Chairman, Dr. Reuben Finkelstein, continues to guide the program, as he has done for many years. The program itself is under the direct supervision of Rabbi Kreitman, aided by a most competent faculty. Our thanks to all for their services.

LECTURE FORUM

FROM time to time during year, the Forum Committee of the Center, independently, and in conjunction with other groups, sponsors certain special events—forum discussions and lectures which are of vital current interest to us as Jews and as Americans. Our Forum Committee, headed by our Mr. Harry Blickstein, brings to our members notable intellectual stimulation. We are indeed grateful to Mr. Blickstein and his committee for their continued fine efforts.

THE LIBRARY

SINCE my last report, we have suffered the loss of our beloved Rabbi Rabinowitz, Librarian of the Center. We all know the devotion and understanding that Dr. Rabinowitz gave to our library. It was his department from its establishment; he built it and created a Synagogue Library second to none in this country. With his passing, we lost a devoted scholar; a saintly Jew. Our library continues to function, even though at the present time, on a curtailed basis, with Dr. Finkelstein as our Chairman.

CENTER PUBLICATIONS

THE Center *Review* has gained for itself a world-wide reputation. Authors continue to send in manuscripts from all over the world for publication in the *Review*. I hear that our Rabbis receive wonderful comments from readers from all over the country. Our thanks are extended to Mr. Louis Gribetz and Mr. William I. Siegel, the Chairman of the *Review* Publications Committee, for continuing to bring the *Review* to us. The Center *Bulletin* continues, as in the past, to bring to the attention of the membership day-to-day information concerning the activities of the Center. Mr. Louis Kramer, *Bulletin* Chairman, zealously tries to make it

a more appealing publication to all of our members.

JUNIOR and CHILDREN'S CONGREGATIONS

THE most important training grounds for our young people at the Center, to guide them in the proper forms of religious worship, are our Junior and Children's Congregations. These Congregations, under the aegis of our Youth Congregations Committee, are most ably supervised by Mrs. Evelyn Zusman and Mr. Leo Shpall. The Chairman of the committee, Mr. Harry Goldstein, keeps a most watchful eye on the weekly activities of our two Congregations. All of us are deeply indebted for the fine efforts of Mr. Goldstein and his committee, and to the supervisors in this important area of Jewish Education.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

DURING the past year, certain changes were made in our Department of Youth Activities. With the resignation of our supervisor, the Center was fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Sol Ross, whose experience with children makes him ideally suited to carry forward our program. After a complete analysis of this work by a committee headed by Mr. Harry Blickstein, our Board of Trustees authorized certain changes in the method of operation and in the content of the program. As is always to be expected in matters of major change, a period of adjustment has to be weathered. We hope that the children of our members will continue to participate in this program. Through our Chairman, Mr. Harry Goldstein, and his supervisory committee, all of whom are keenly aware of the importance of this work in our community, we hope to maintain a thriving and meaningful Youth Activities program.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

THE Social Committee of our Center continues under the Chairmanship of Mr. Carl Kahn. We deeply appreciate the work of Mr. Kahn and his committee in this vital area of activity. To meet and to get to know members socially makes your membership here more significant.

PHYSICAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT

THE Physical Training Department is continuing to function as one of our most popularly attended membership activities. We know that this department is a major factor in attracting new members to our institution. The department, and the supervisory committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Seymour Glass, realize more and more the responsibility for making it a greater source of membership and income to the Center. Specialized programs are planned for all members and children by Mr. Harry Moskowitz, director of the gymnasium.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

OUR magnificent building requires constant attention, and we are very fortunate to have Mr. Aaron Gottlieb as the Chairman of our House Committee. Mr. Gottlieb literally devotes many hours of his time to supervise the maintenance and general improvement of our structure. I think we all agree that for an edifice 41 years old, and which hears the traffic which ours does, it is kept in beautiful condition. This is a tribute to the original builders and to our devoted chairman of the committee.

During the past several years, however, despite our constant effort to keep maintenance costs down, we find that we have to undertake certain major improvements. These crop up in different forms each year. We must make arrangements to do work in connection with our electrical and sound systems. A word of thanks is due to our superintendent Mr. Ambrose Hoolahan, and his staff, for the daily work they handle in the building.

THE SISTERHOOD

THE Sisterhood of our Center is a major branch of our general activity. Under the continued guidance of Mrs. Julius Kushner, her officers and Executive Board, the Sisterhood continues to flourish and to develop its programs and areas of interest. Though it concentrates its efforts on activities for the wives of our members, the

Sisterhood is at all times concerned with the general welfare of the Center. We extend our deep appreciation to the ladies for their assistance, cooperation and constant devotion.

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

THE Center has maintained a Young Folks League, its organization for unmarried members, since the inception of the institution. In the course of these many years, even like the Center itself, the Young Folks League has had its periods of ups and downs. For many years before the war it was a comparatively small organization, and most of its members were children of our own families. Immediately after the war, with the return of men from service, and the subsequent phenomenon, which we all witnessed, of a nationwide return to the Synagogue, our Young Folks League developed into an organization of more than 800 members. It flourished in this fashion for a number of years.

However, like our own extremely large membership, a certain amount of fall-out was to be expected as the years passed. Many of these young people married and moved away. In recent years the League became sharply divided into two distinct groups, one in its early 20s and the other above 30. After consideration and consultation with the leading members of the League, our Board of Trustees, under the terms of our Center's constitution, organized a Junior Associate Membership in an effort to bring younger unmarried persons under the influence of the Synagogue and into our Center at membership rates more in line with their ability to pay. This new associate membership is open to young ladies aged 20 to 28, and young men, aged 21 to 30, at annual rates of \$20 and \$30.

The responsibility for starting this group has been accepted by Rabbi Kreitman, Mr. Sol Ross, our Youth Supervisor, and several members of our regular Young Folks League, whose experience in working with young people qualifies them to lend a hand to this project. I am grateful to them for their assistance.

Our regular Young Folks League, therefore, will continue to function

for the older age group. It is imperative that a Jewish religious organization do its utmost to bring these people into the sphere of the Synagogue and permit them to meet others of the Jewish faith in congenial surroundings. Much of the attempt to solve this social problem is being done by Jewish groups on a commercial basis. It is incumbent upon us at the Center to provide such a group, which in turn, if successful, will work for the benefit of the Center. Therefore, our Young Folks League will continue to meet, and, we hope, flourish again in future years.

I want to thank Mr. Arthur Vidars, the president of this group, his officers and executive committee, for their efforts on behalf of the Young Folks League. I might add that the League during the course of the past year, has contributed close to \$2,000 to the Center.

THE MR. & MRS. CLUB

OUR Mr. and Mrs. Club is a small but energetic group comprised of the younger married members of the Center. The program of this group is designed to appeal to the young married people who wish to meet at a Synagogue and to participate in a program of social and cultural interest. I urge all of our younger married members to join this group and take part in its activities.

This year, the president is Mr. Stephen Goldberg, who, with his officers and executive committee, is designing a program to carry out the aims and objectives of the organization.

GOLDEN AGE GROUP

OUR Golden Age Group, which meets regularly at the Center, continues to flourish and grow. The inauguration of this group several years ago was a distinct service to the community. This year, we are privileged to have as its president, Mrs. Pauline Goldman. We extend our deep appreciation to Mrs. Goldman and her officers for their very fine efforts in promoting the activities of the Golden Age Group, the senior citizens of our community. We are cognizant of the personal interest that Rabbi Kreitman takes in this very important activity

of our Center.

MEN'S CLUB

I SHOULD like to urge all male members of the Center to join in the activities of our Men's Club. The Men's Club is a relatively recent undertaking at our Center. It serves as a focal group for the male members to meet in a most congenial atmosphere and participate together in many notable programs. The president of the Club, Mr. Theodore D. Ostrow, has proven to be a dynamic leader and has received notable support from his officers and executive committee.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

IN acknowledgement of our responsibilities to many Jewish causes, we continue to aid many Jewish and national organizations. Our Committees participate fully in fund-raising campaigns in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and the organization devoted to the sale of Israel Bonds. As always, our branch groups at the Center will continue to support separate functions for each of the drives. The Jewish National Fund has received approximately \$1,800 during the past year, as an adjunct to the sale of High Holy Day Tickets.

It is my sad function at this time to recall the Center members who have passed away during the year. We have made special reference to them in our Annual Memorial Service. However, on behalf of the officers, trustees and members, I want to again extend to the bereaved families our deepest sympathies and to indicate how greatly each of them will be missed. Our thanks are extended to Mr. Abr. Meltzer and his visitations committee for their visits to members and families of members on behalf of our Center.

I should like to express my thanks and appreciation to all those who have worked so diligently in conducting the daily affairs of our Center. I extend my wholehearted thanks to my fellow officers, Judge Maurice Bernhardt, Mr. Emanuel Cohen, Mr. Frank Schaeffer, our Vice Presidents, Mr. Fred Kronish, our Treasurer, and

to Mr. Harry Blickstein, our Secretary.

We are thankful that we are blessed with the presence and inspiration of our spiritual leader, Dr. Israel H. Levinthal. During the past year, we all know, Dr. Levinthal and Mrs. Levinthal spent more than six months travelling through Israel and Europe. We were thankful that they were able to venture on this voyage, and that they returned to us in good health and in fine spirits. Those of us who have heard Dr. Levinthal's sermons and remarks since his return, know that we, as well as the Levinthals, have profited from their trip.

I want also to extend my thanks and appreciation to Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman for his devotion to our institution and for the wonderful progress made by all departments which he supervises. During Dr. Levinthal's absence, Dr. Kreitman filled in on a most heavy schedule to take care of every aspect of our institution which requires rabbinical guidance. Dr. Kreitman's Sunday morning Mishnah Class has again started its studies of Jewish Law.

My special thanks are extended to our Honorary President, Judge Emanuel Greenberg, of whose experience, help and counsel, I have availed myself over the years. I wish to express my gratitude to the members of the Board of Trustees, the Governing Board, all the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, members of all committees, officers and Board of the Sisterhood, Mr. & Mrs. Club, the Young Folks League, the Men's Club, the Parent-Teachers Association and the Golden Age Group.

I want to again express my appreciation to Cantor William Sauler for the magnificent cantorial direction which he offers to our weekly and holiday services. We appreciate the continued work at the Center of Mr. Sholom Secunda, our musical director, and Rev. Kaufmann, our Sexton. Our special thanks are offered to Mr. Benjamin Markowe, who continues as Chairman of our Budget Committee, and who, along with our officers, continues to maintain special control over the manner in which our finances are conducted.

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Our thanks to Mr. Morton Klinghoffer, and the members of his Membership Retention Committee. The little publicized work of this committee has proven, over the course of years, to be a tremendous boon to the Center. In brief, Mr. Klinghoffer and his committee work over a period of many months during the year to persuade members who have moved from the neighborhood or who, for other reasons, do not desire to maintain their Center membership to continue on as members.

I want to thank Mr. David M. Gold, our Executive Director, and the entire administrative staff for their services in handling the daily problems of our institution. The problems, some large and some small, are time-consuming, requiring patience, devotion and experience. During the past year, Mr. Gold has been ably assisted by Mr. Melvyn May to accomplish the desired results.

I wish to reiterate emphatically that our institution pledges itself to be ever aware of the many requirements of the community, and not to lessen our zeal to satisfy these requirements. We shall continue to serve the community, but only with your aid, encouragement and devotion. We shall look forward with renewed confidence and enthusiasm to accomplish the goals for which this center was built. Any thoughts that, because of a change in the community, the Center should lessen these services, is, to my mind, contra-indicated. I know that you will all agree that the reputation of the Center as a Conservative Synagogue has been enhanced rather than lessened both nationally and locally.

This then is the record of the accomplishments at our Center during the past year.

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PAGING SISTERHOOD

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Jerusalem during 1948 War of Independence by Dov Joseph, "Ahad Ha Am," a biography by Sir Leon Simon. These books as well as religious articles may be purchased through our gift shop chairman, Lil Lowenfeld.

Federation Drive

Our drive for Federation is on. A telephone has been installed in the Center for your Federation calls. Mrs. Herman Soloway, chairman and Mrs. Emanuel Cohen and Mrs. Milton Spatt are co-chairmen.

Remember Tuesday, December 13, the date of our Gala Hanukkah Celebration at the Center, 8 P.M.

Employees' New Year Fund

In view of the fact that the employees of the Center are prevented by rules of the institution from accepting gratuities throughout the year, the Center has established an annual New Year Gift Fund. Please contribute to this fund. Mail your checks to the Center.

New Year's Eve at the Center

Members and friends are cordially invited to attend the New Year's Eve party at the Center to be held under the auspices of the Men's Club, Sisterhood and Social Committee on Saturday evening, December 31. Reservations may be made at the Center or through Mr. Bob Gutchman (PR 2-0904). Subscription is \$8.00 per person and includes food, drinks and dancing. Admission will be by advance reservation only.

A JEWISH CENTER IN MEXICO

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he has this in mind: that they should speedily eliminate Jewish illiteracy among the members. Preceding every meeting of the Men's Club, a discussion, under his direction, points up how each member may conduct himself intelligently and confidently at every synagogue function — for example, not to fear being called up to the Torah.

And speaking of the Men's Club, visitors of greater or lesser distinction frequently address the members. Recently one of them was William O'Dwyer, former Ambassador to Mexico and before that Mayor of New York. O'Dwyer led off, smilingly, with an anecdote in Yiddish. As his diction was hardly 100 per cent perfect, and his Conservative audience knew no Yiddish, there was a long moment of silence when he finished. He hastily went on with his major topic — in English.

The Rabbi is proud of the choir he organized, the only synagogue mixed choir in Mexico.

Equally proud is Rabbi Pomerantz of the adult study group, which delves into the sacred literature of Israel; the Religious School, where the children learn the Bible stories, prepare for Holiday celebrations and practice and enjoy Hebrew reading and singing; the teen-age group, which meets bi-weekly under the guidance of the Rabbi, his wife, and sisterhood chairman of the youth group.

There is a Beth Israel Committee for Keren Kayemeth (for the Jewish National Fund), which plans special programs for raising funds. The Center's branch of Wizo (Hadassah) sponsors many money-raising activities for Israel. The Center contributes funds to the Jewish Central Commit-

tee of Mexico and has representatives on that body.

Among the membership are some

the many into the hands of the few." There were many miracles on Hanukkah but that of the cruse of oil epitomized all of them—the mortal danger of complete annihilation which the Jewish people faced, confronted by the hitherto unconquerable power of Greece, particularly the attraction of the Hellenic culture which was sweeping the Mediterranean and reaching as far as the gates of Asia and Africa. The very Temple itself, the central symbol of Judaism both in its national and religious aspects had been defiled. Only one cruse of pure oil remained. Only a handful of people remained loyal to their ancestral faith. Even the priests of Israel had been affected. Judah and his family were the only priests who re-

the siege of Herat.

Several years before his death he had married a captive of war, a girl from the neighboring land of Georgia. Borowski's body was interred in the Royal Garden and the Shah allotted the widow a pension in recognition of her husband's service.

gogue, it glowed in the home, it guided the faithful Jew through this life and accompanied him in the hereafter, as a symbol on his tombstone.

The Menorah was regarded as the symbol of light and truth. It gleamed in the open air. It was kindled and protected in the home. Behind the walls of the ancient Ghettos tiny wicks glowed. In its reflection the adults forgot their fears and the children

of the country's biggest industrialists.

In short, though the smallest organized Jewish group south of the Rio Grande, the Beth Israel Community definitely makes itself important.

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fused to bow to the will of the tyrant. A miracle occurred—they triumphed; the Temple service was renewed. They were not cowed by numbers, by overwhelming odds, but had faith in their mission. This was the message of Hanukkah that deserved commemoration down the ages.

Before we conclude let us refer to the seventh and last Hanukkah mentioned in the Midrash. The Hanukkah in Time to Come, also distinguished by light and alluded to in the first stanza of *Maoz Tzur*—"Let my house of prayer be restored and I will there offer Thee thanksgivings, when Thou shalt have utterly destroyed the blaspheming foe, I will complete with song and psalm the dedication of the altar."

ISIDOR BOROWSKI

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Isidor Borowski's career was adventurous and almost fantastic. He was a gallant soldier but a mercenary—a knight of errant of the early nineteenth century who lived and battled in the era of political upheaval in the West and of social awakening in the East.

HANUKKAH AND THE MENORAH

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were told why the lights were lit, and heard the tale of the miracles and the valor of the heroes who had died for the faith of their fathers.

From generation to generation the flame of the Hanukkah lamp awakens memories of an heroic past, rekindles an ancient hope, and sustains a faith in the future, as pure as its sacred oil.

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